

HEALTH BENEFITS E-NEWS

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BA Memo #06-01 Updated and Clarified

BA Memo #06-01 requested that Benefits Administrators contact participants who had been told not to complete the Medicare Questionnaire that was sent to them as a part of their Medco Welcome Kit and to advise them to complete the form. As background, some Benefits Administrators had been told that it was not necessary to complete the questionnaire, but most had not been given any instruction regarding the questionnaire. **Unless you had specifically advised a retiree group participant not to complete the questionnaire, no action on your part is necessary.**

On another pending item, we have confirmed that only those who wish to participate in the Medco home delivery mail service pharmacy need to complete the Health, Allergy and Medication questionnaire also included in the Welcome Kit.

All Welcome Kit materials except the Medicare questionnaire may now be accessed on the DHRM Web site at www.dhrm.virginia.gov/hbenefits/retirees/medicarePlanD.html#welcome. Please accept our sincere appreciation for your extra efforts in assisting retiree group participants during this challenging transition to the new prescription drug coverage now available to Medicare-eligible state program participants. If you are a Benefits Administrator who does not normally handle retirees, you may direct the retirees to their appropriate Benefits Administrator if you are uncomfortable with provisions specific to the retiree program. Remember that Medicare Part D resources are available on the Web, including informational materials, the Medco Commonwealth-specific Medicare Part D site and Welcome Kit contents. Should you have any questions, send us an e-mail at hbp@dhrm.virginia.gov.